



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION & AMENDMENT C

APPLICANT: Heinfried Hoffmann, et al. DOCKET NO: P04,0153
SERIAL NO.: 10/840,114 ART UNIT: 2857
FILED: May 6, 2004 EXAMINER: Baran, Mary C.
CONF. NO.: 7271

TITLE: METHOD AND DEVICE TO TEST THE OPERATION SAFETY OF
A PROCESS CONTROL DEVICE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
5 PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents for a one-month
10 extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005
and are enclosing a check for the \$120.00 government fee so that the period of
response is extended from March 29, 2006 to April 29, 2006.

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005 ("OA"), please
amend the above-identified application as follows.

15 **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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